

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1-19. (Canceled)
20. (Original) A method for aligning a prosthetic device for insertion into an intervertebral space, comprising
- providing an alignment instrument having an anchoring device extending therefrom,
 - engaging the anchoring device with a vertebral body located adjacent to the intervertebral space,
 - aligning the alignment instrument relative to the intervertebral space,
 - driving the anchoring device into the vertebral body, and
 - providing an implantation device adjacent to the alignment instrument via a clamp assembly operatively connected to the alignment instrument, the implantation device holding the prosthetic device at a distal end thereof.
21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein aligning the alignment instrument comprises aligning a radiographic marker disposed within the alignment instrument via a fluoroscopic machine.
22. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein aligning the alignment instrument comprises viewing a bubble level device operatively connected to the alignment instrument.
23. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the clamp assembly is operatively connected to the alignment instrument via a second clamp assembly.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising slidably adjusting the second clamp assembly along the alignment instrument to position the prosthetic device adjacent to the intervertebral space
25. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising locking the second clamp assembly to the alignment instrument.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25 further comprising slidably adjusting the first clamp assembly along the second clamp assembly to further position the prosthetic device adjacent to the intervertebral space.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26 further comprising locking the first clamp assembly to the second clamp assembly.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27 further comprising slidably adjusting the implantation device along the first clamp assembly to further position the prosthetic device adjacent to the intervertebral space.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28 further comprising locking the implantation device to the first clamp assembly.